

Web sites are nothing more than a fix for pedophiles.

Let us be clear. These are not Web sites used for the modeling industry. No child has been hired as a bona fide model. They are only used to exploit these children.

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In fact, these web sites are nothing more than gateways to child and adult pornography.

I have recently introduced legislation that would ban these sites once and for all, the Child Modeling Exploitation Act. This bill will not harm legitimate modeling nor families from being able to post photos of their families on the Internet, but the legislation has been carefully crafted to prevent exploiters from being able to use our children as sexual objects for money.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 623

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 623.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arkansas?

There was no objection.

ENDING THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

(Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, this week marks Stop Violence Against Women Week. I rise to show my support for victims of domestic violence. I grew up in a large family. I am the sixth of seven children, and my family has always supported me. Nothing can replace the strength you draw from those that you love and trust. Tragically, it is even more devastating if family members or significant others violate this trust and become abusive.

Domestic violence is an enormous problem in this country, one that deserves immediate attention. According to the American College of Emergency Physicians, domestic violence is the largest cause of injury to women between the ages of 15 and 44 in the United States, more than car accidents, muggings and rapes combined.

Each year, between 2 million and 4 million women are battered, and 2,000 of those women will die from their injuries. Nearly one-third of American women will experience intimate partner violence in their lifetime.

We can no longer afford to ignore this issue. This year is especially important because 2005 marks the tenth anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act. Later this year, VAWA

will come up for reauthorization. I urge my colleagues to do their part to support VAWA and support the efforts of women's advocates and to end the cycle of violence.

STRENGTHENING HEMOPHILIA RESEARCH

(Mr. PRICE of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, as a physician and an orthopedic surgeon for over 20 years, I have seen hemophilia countless times. What is hemophilia? It is a hereditary disease which makes it so blood does not clot. Small wounds and punctures are usually not a problem, but larger wounds or uncontrolled internal bleeding can result in pain, swelling, permanent damage or even death.

The CDC has a program, Prevention's Hereditary Blood Disorders. And it serves as the frontline for treatment for bleeding and clotting disorders with a national network of over 140 hemophilia treatment centers.

Study after study has shown that these centers work extremely well. Mortality and morbidity rates have declined by 40 percent.

Mr. Speaker, these hemophilia treatment centers are vital for patients and for the medical community. They have a strong record of success that has a foundation of over 30 years of experience, and it continues to grow every day. We need to do everything we can to make certain that Americans continue to receive this access to quality care.

MAKING RESPONSIBLE DECISIONS REGARDING SOCIAL SECURITY

(Mr. CHANDLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CHANDLER. Mr. Speaker, as many of you may know, the President is in my home State of Kentucky today talking about the need to reform Social Security. He is trying to convince Americans that the program is in crisis and that privatization is the only way to make sure Social Security remains strong.

What the President is not telling the public is that privatization may cause families all across America to lose their retirement savings on the stock market.

When I think of Social Security, I think of Samuel Insko from Lancaster, Kentucky, who voted for the President but now believes that the President has turned his back on America. He worked all his life in Kentucky until one day he was injured and could no longer work.

Social Security saved him. He says he would be homeless and broke with-

out Social Security. Privatization would harm Samuel Insko as well as all of our children and grandchildren, who would be saddled with trillions of dollars in debt.

The President is trying to mortgage away our future by proposing a plan that would add \$4.8 trillion to our national debt over the next 20 years. If we want America to remain prosperous, we need to make responsible decisions that do not tie the hands of future generations.

SAVE TERRI SCHIAVO

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, we live in an age where some take life for granted. Today, some would stand by and let Terri Schiavo starve to death. They do not believe her life is worth saving. But listen to a quote from her attorney who visited with her.

"When her mother was close to her, Terri's whole face lit up. She smiled. She looked directly at her mother and made all sorts of happy sounds. When her mother talked to her, Terri was quiet and obviously listening. When she stopped, Terri started vocalizing. The vocalizations seemed to be a pattern, not merely random or reflexive at all. There is definitely a pattern of Terri having a conversation with her mother as best she can manage."

Terri Schiavo is alive. She responds to people. She breathes on her own. Her heart beats on its own. All she needs is a feeding tube.

If we allow a judge to order her to die, what are we saying about life? Those with disabilities, even severe disabilities, have a right to life, just like everyone else in this Chamber.

We need to save Terri Schiavo and pass legislation immediately to save her life.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 21

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 21.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

U.S. SHOULD NOT SUPPORT HEZBOLLAH ROLE IN LEBANON

(Mr. ENGEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, today, on the front page of the New York Times, there is a story that says "U.S. Called Ready to See Hezbollah in Lebanon Role. A Sharp Policy Reversal."

The article states, "After years of campaigning against Hezbollah, the radical Shiite Muslim party in Lebanon, as a terrorist pariah, the Bush administration is grudgingly going along with efforts by France and the UN to steer the party into the Lebanese political mainstream, administration officials say."

Administration officials say, what a mistake. What a mistake to deal with terrorists. President Bush has repeatedly said that we should not deal with terrorists. There are no good terrorists. There are no good terrorists. All terrorists are bad. Hezbollah has American blood on its hands. It killed more than 200 U.S. Marines in Beirut in 1983 and is responsible for hundreds and hundreds of killings of Israeli citizens.

Resolution 1559 of the UN Security Council which passed a few months ago, sponsored by the U.S. and France, says that Syria should get out of Lebanon, that all militias, including Hezbollah, should be disarmed.

Why are we changing policy now? We should not deal with terrorists. We should not compromise with terrorists. Hezbollah is a terrorist organization. We are moving in this body to pass a resolution calling on the Europeans to label Hezbollah as a terrorist organization, to dry up their funds.

Terrorists should not be dealt with. The administration is making a mistake.

SPREAD OF DEMOCRACY

(Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I truly believe that the hunger for freedom is a deep yearning in the hearts of all people. Freedom from oppressive regimes, freedom from living in fear, and freedom from an invasive hatred that turns neighbor against neighbor.

We watched 8 million Iraqis risk their lives to vote for their own government, and we witnessed Palestinians choose a course of diplomacy with Israel rather than continuing a course of terror. In Lebanon, we are seeing the seeds of liberty being sown as people take to the streets seeking the power to control their own lives.

Democracies are not born overnight. For our own security and future, we must be resolved in our support for people who want a governing structure rooted in personal liberty and that compliments their own country's culture. I take heart in believing that we are pursuing the right course of action as I remember the brave faces of Iraqis smiling behind a purple finger raised in defiance of terror, oppression and hatred.

PAYING TOO MUCH INTEREST ON FEDERAL SPENDING

(Mr. COOPER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, it is official. Last night, the House Budget Committee passed a budget which will, in a few short years, require us to spend more money on interest payments to bond holders than we spend on domestic government in the United States of America.

Let me be precise. We will be spending more on budget interest to bond holders, many of whom are foreign, than we spend on domestic nondefense discretionary spending in this country. This will happen by the year 2009.

What a tragedy. We are spending more money on bond holders than we are on our own citizens. It took 204 years to have this happen. The other party will not even allow a recorded vote on this issue so that we can see how people stand on that issue.

I urge all of my colleagues to support the Blue Dog reform package. It is tough against the deficit. To some of our Republican friends, if you want to reduce these deficits, get on that bill.

WORKFORCE ESSENTIALS

(Mrs. BLACKBURN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize and congratulate Workforce Essentials in Clarksville, Tennessee, for its innovation and its attentiveness to the needs of the area it serves.

In Clarksville, we have a great program that is in place. It is an initiative called an Army of One Plus One. The program is attuned to the needs of the areas veterans, military spouses and retirees. Their good work was recognized last Friday night by the National Association of Work Force Partnerships as this year's recipient of the Theodore E. Small award, which recognizes the successful implementation of the program, which is a partnership with the 101st Airborne at Ft. Campbell and alongside the Tennessee Department of Labor, the U.S. Department of Labor, and the U.S. Department of Defense by identifying the military as a primary sector of the workforce. The spouses of soldiers, the veterans and the entire community have benefitted from this partnership.

The CEO of Workforce Essentials, Ross Jackson and his great team plus the outstanding team at Ft. Campbell, led by General Turner and Colonel Ruggley, are to be commended for providing their great work.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

(Mrs. CAPPS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lifetime's Stop the Violence Week and highlight the epidemic of domestic violence in our Nation; 85 percent of the victims are women. But only half of them report an injury. And of these, only a few percent even seek out medical assistance.

Domestic violence is a serious health concern but for too long has been treated solely as a criminal issue. So I will soon reintroduce the Domestic Violence Screening Treatment and Prevention Act. This bill would train health professionals to assess victims for signs of abuse and prepare them for intervention if needed.

Routine screening by a physician or a nurse could unlock options for thousands of women. Mr. Speaker, Congress must ensure domestic violence screening is common medical practice, in every doctor's office in every State.

Routine screening will enable early detection of domestic violence before it becomes life threatening. So I urge my colleagues not to ignore this nationwide epidemic. And let us work hard to institute a public health protocol for addressing this major epidemic in our society today.

SOCIAL SECURITY AND THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET

(Ms. WATSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. WATSON. Mr. Speaker, on every issue our Nation faces it is our responsibility to ensure that the policies we pursue are consistent with the values that we cherish. The Bush Administration's 2006 budget fails in every respect. It is fiscally reckless, adding trillions of dollars to the deficit over the next 10 years.

It is morally irresponsible in funding for key homeland security, veterans benefits, health care and educational programs. And despite the fact that the President has called privatizing Social Security his top domestic priority this year, his budget includes no details on this plan.

Mr. Speaker, this money that it is going to take to institute his plan could be money going to education, going to health care, going to address the infrastructure of our Nation.

So the President's plan clearly needs help. And his failure to provide a clear and honest accounting of the difficult tradeoffs between increases in debt, benefits cuts and tax increases shows a failure in leadership.